

State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-eighth Legislature Second Regular Session 2008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2070

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.

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William F. Buckley, Jr., a renowned writer and political commentator, died on February 27, 2008 at the age of eighty-two.

Born in New York City, William F. Buckley attended Yale University and served in the armed forces during World War II. After a brief engagement with the Central Intelligence Agency in the early 1950s, he embarked on a long and distinguished career as a conservative commentator and author with the publication of his first book, God and Man at Yale. He went on to establish National Review magazine and the television show Firing Line and to author dozens of books and countless newspaper columns, and in doing so, he became America's best known and most influential conservative voice. Whether working to advance the causes of freedom and justice or enjoying his passions of sailing, the harpsichord and cavalier King Charles spaniels, William F. Buckley met life with a rare humor and eloquence that earned him widespread respect and admiration.

Engaging and articulate, William F. Buckley assailed communism and extolled the free market with tremendous wit and a vast vocabulary that defined him as the quintessential conservative intellectual. George Will, former editor of National Review, stated that "Before Ronald Reagan, there was Barry Goldwater, and before Barry Goldwater there was National Review, and before there was National Review, there was Bill Buckley, with a spark in his mind." Theodore White opined that "His haughty face, its puckering and hesitation as he lets loose a shaft of wit, would have made him Oscar Wilde's favorite candidate for anything."

William F. Buckley's ability to clearly define what conservatism stood for paved the way for such American leaders as Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan. His efforts inspired three generations of conservatives and will doubtless continue to be a guiding force for generations to come. William F. Buckley will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and the American public.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

That the Members of the Legislature express sincere regret at the passing of an American icon, William F. Buckley, Jr., and extend condolences to his son, Christopher, and other surviving family members.

UNA UMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 20, 2008.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SENATE MARCH 27, 2008.

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Speaker of the House Pro Tempore	President of the Senate
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Chief Clerk of the House	Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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